



### The SBTi's Net-Zero Standard Road Test

Company road test kick-off

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### Welcome to the Net-Zero company road test!

Congratulations on being selected as road tester for SBTi's Net-Zero Standard! Your input will be critical to the finalisation of the NZ standard.

### Today's speakers and the Net-Zero project team



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### THE SCIENCE BASED TARGETS INITIATIVE (SBTi)





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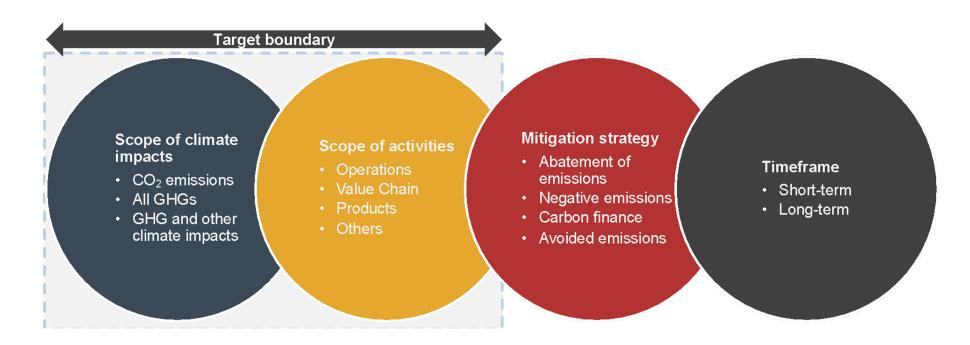


### Companies are setting net-zero targets without a global standard



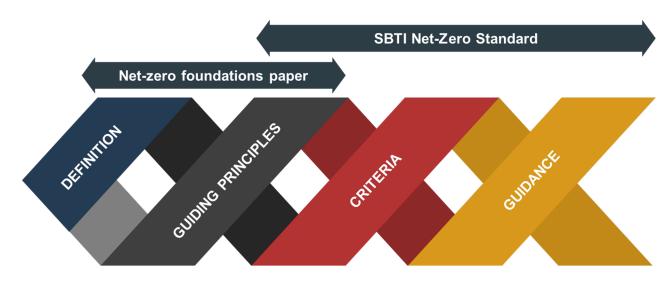
There is a high degree of heterogeneity in the current net-zero landscape. Net-zero targets differ across three important dimensions:

- 1. The sources of emissions included in the target;
- 2. The mitigation strategy pursued (including the degree of abatement achieved);
- 3. The timeframe of the target



### What is the SBTi doing to address this issue? SBTi corporate net-zero standard





#### Definition

Net-zero definition in the corporate sector in line with guiding principles

#### **Guiding principles**

Overarching principles to inform net-zero definition and the development of net-zero guidance and criteria

#### Criteria

Criteria to inform the formulation and assessment of corporate net-zero targets

#### Net-zero guidance

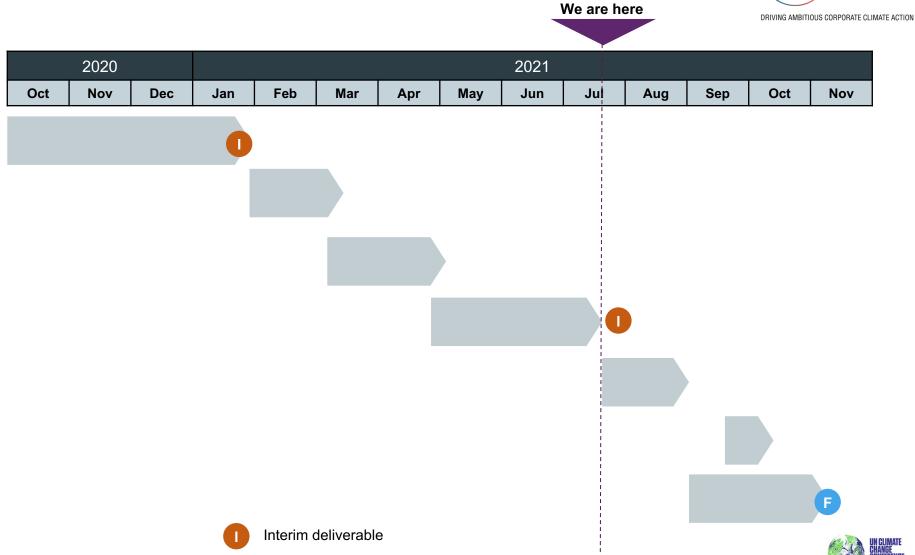
Practitioner's guidance to inform the formulation and implementation of net-zero targets in the corporate sector

- The SBTi is conducting an inclusive, stakeholder-informed process to develop a framework to enable companies to set robust and credible net-zero targets in line with a 1.5°C future.
- It includes criteria and guidance, which will enable companies to have their targets validated by the SBTi.

Final deliverable

### The Net-Zero Standard Development timeline





**Drafting of initial criteria** 

**Public consultation** 

Refine criteria

**Draft net-zero guidance** 

Road testing

2nd Public Consultation

Finalisation of Net-Zero Standard

Launch of SBTi Net-Zero Standard

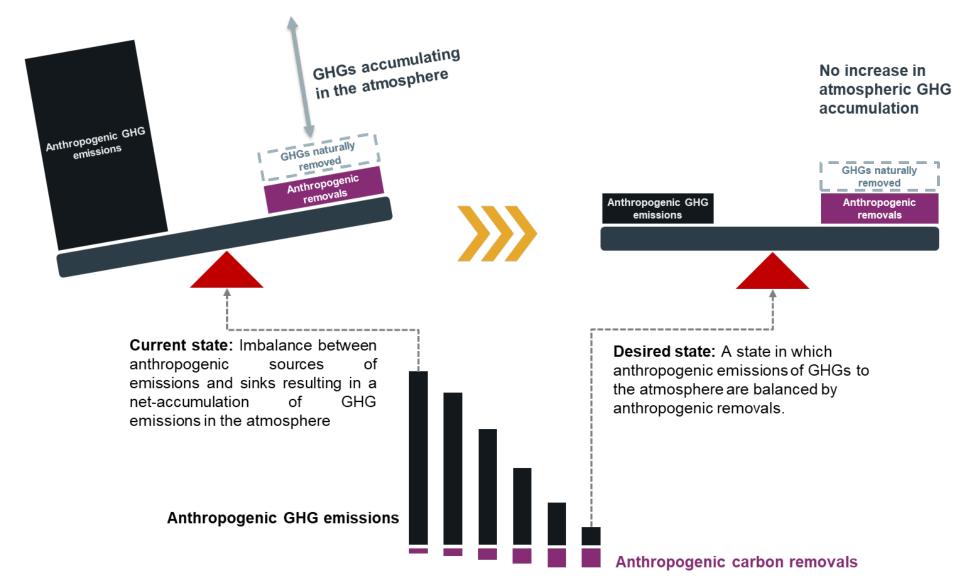


# HOW SBTS FIT INTO A NET ZERO STRATEGY

### What does net-zero mean?

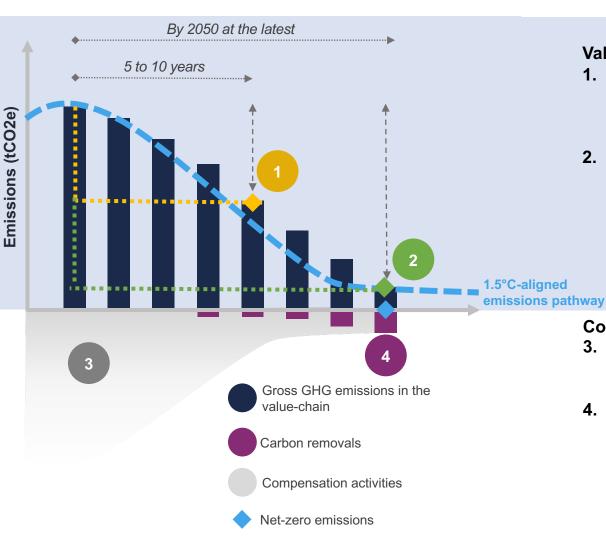
#### Understanding net-zero at the global level





### What are the key elements that make up a company's SBTi aligned netzero commitment?





Value chain emission reductions:

- 1. Near-term science-based targets: Companies must set 5-10 year targets to reduce value chain emissions in line with limiting warming to 1.5°C.
- 2. Long-term science-based targets:
  Companies must set targets to reduce emissions to a level consistent a state of global net-zero. If target is achieved in less than 10 years, near-term SBTs (1) are not required.

Sciencebased emission reduction targets

#### Compensation\* & neutralisation:

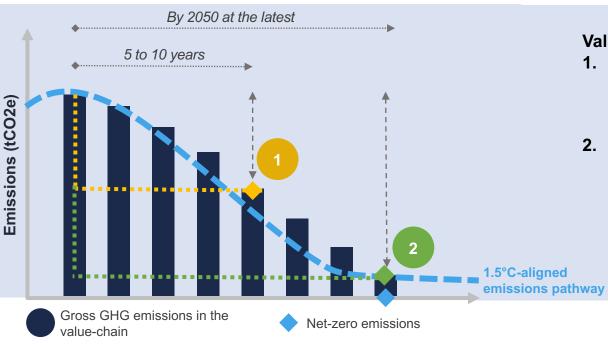
- 3. In the transition to net-zero: Companies are encouraged to compensate for remaining emissions.
- 4. At net-zero: Companies should move from compensation to removals as they get closer to net-zero to neutralise any residual emissions that cannot be eliminated. Companies cannot claim net-zero until their long-term SBT is reached and residual emissions are neutralised.

### Net-zero commitment

\* The term compensation is currently under review and is being used as a placeholder

### This road test focusses on science-based target setting as part of a company's net-zero commitment





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Sciencebased emission reduction targets

SBTs help companies determine **how much** and **how fast** they need to reduce GHG emissions to reach net-zero.

### Why are we focussing on emission reductions in this road test?



#### First things first...

Emission reductions are key to transition to global net-zero

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- Complete emission inventory following GHG Protocol
- Set near- and long-term science-based targets to reduce value-chain emissions
- Disclose target progress annually

### ...while also recognizing need to go further

Compensation can accelerate the transition to global net-zero, while neutralisation is important to reach net-zero. The SBTi is conducting further research to inform its approach.

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- In the near-term, companies are encouraged to participate in a variety of compensation actions that go further than the SBT
- In the long-term, companies will need to neutralise all residual emissions with equivalent removals



# THE ROAD TESTING PROCESS





### Three key objectives for the road testing process

- Gather feedback on the clarity, robustness and practicality of the target setting tool, criteria and guidance
- Identify key challenges for adoption and implementation of the standard across industries
- Build a strong network of companies on the journey to setting net-zero targets in line with climate science

### Road testing deliverables





#### Deliver target modelling results

- Trial the target-setting tool
- Share results with SBTi



### Provide detailed feedback through survey

- Review the criteria
- Answer all questions in the survey



### Engage with SBTi to address issues

- Participate in workshops where possible
- Make use of office hours to discuss any questions, obstacles, or suggestions
- Participate in one-on-one discussions as needed

Recommended

participants



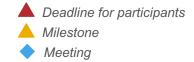
### Become a NZ SBTi champion

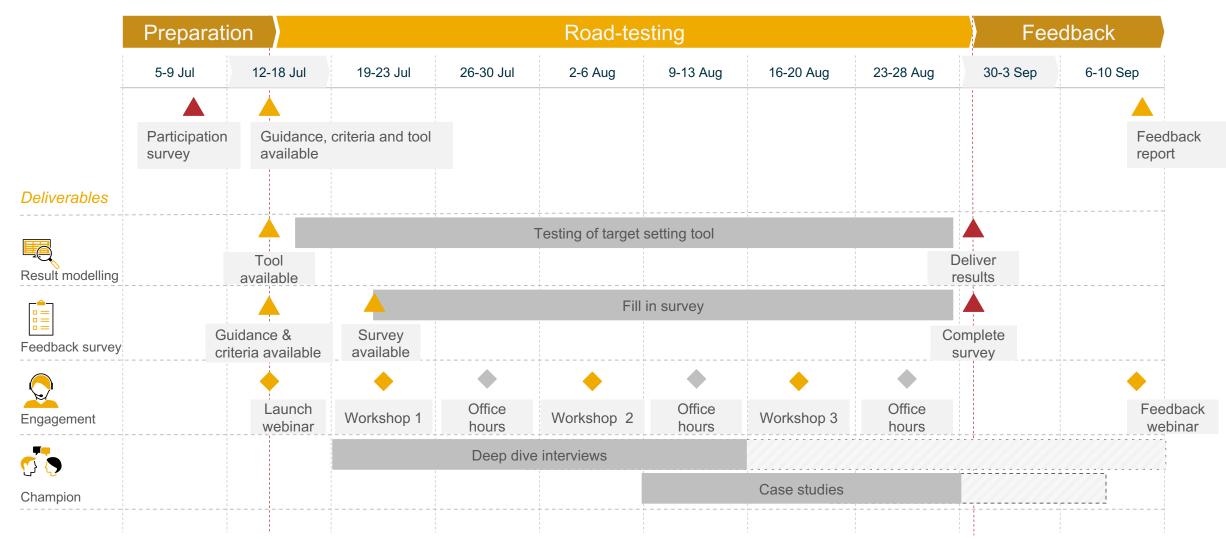
- Take part in deep dive interviews to discuss adoption barriers, expectations, gaps, etc.
- Develop case studies

Optional



### What is the timeline for road testing?





### Meetings to support participants and gather feedback during the process



#### CONFIDENTIALITY

We offer one-on-ones for participants that wish to remain confidential

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	Launch	Workshop 1	Office hours 1	Workshop 2	Office hours 2	Workshop 3	Office hours 3
Eastern (CEST)	15 July 10:00-11:00	22 July 10:00-11:00	28 July 10:00-10:50	5 August 10:00-11:00	11 August 10:00-10:50	19 August 10:00-11:00	25 August 10:00-10:50
Western (CEST)	<b>15 July</b> 15:00-16:00	22 July 16:00-17:00	29 July 16:00-16:50	5 August 16:00-17:00	<b>12 July</b> 16:00-16:50	19 August 16:00-17:00	26 August 16:00-16:50
Attendance	Required	Preferred	Optional	Preferred	Optional	Preferred	Optional
Topics covered*	Explanation of methods, tool, guidance, etc.	Further explanation & discussion around materials	Open to questions from participants	Discussion on criteria and clarity of materials	Open to questions from participants	Discussion on gaps, adoption barriers, etc.	Open to questions from participants





### ROADTESTING MATERIALS

### The Net-Zero Standard Criteria

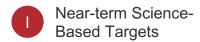


The document is laid out into three chapters and describes the requirements for companies to set science-based targets as part of a net-zero commitment.



### Near-term sciencebased target criteria

Lays out requirements for nearterm science-based targets that supersede the requirements within the SBTi's science-based target criteria.





### Long-term sciencebased target criteria

Addresses long-term science-based target criteria on timeframe requirements, how much value chain emissions must be reduced to reach net-zero, and how companies should define emission reduction boundaries.

- II Long-term SBT timeframe
- Long-term SBT ambition
- IV Long-term SBT boundary



### Communication, Claims and Validity

The final chapter specifies official target wording that must be publicly available as well as reporting requirements.





### We have developed guidance documents to assist you in the road testing process

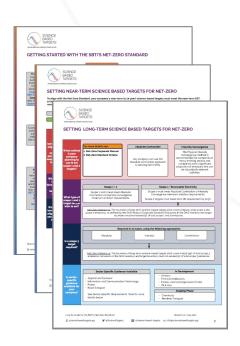


### The Net-Zero How-to Guide

Step-by-step guide to setting near and long-term SBTs in alignment with the Net-Zero Standard

#### Includes information on:

- Planned 1.5°C pathways for near-term SBTs
- Near term SBT vs. long-term SBT requirements
- Sector-specific requirements for setting long-term science-based targets

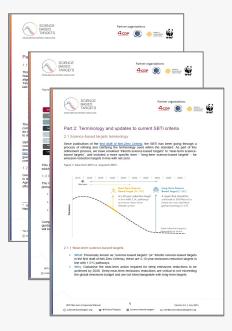


### The Net-Zero Corporate Manual

Six part manual that gives detailed guidance on the Net-Zero Standard

#### Includes information on:

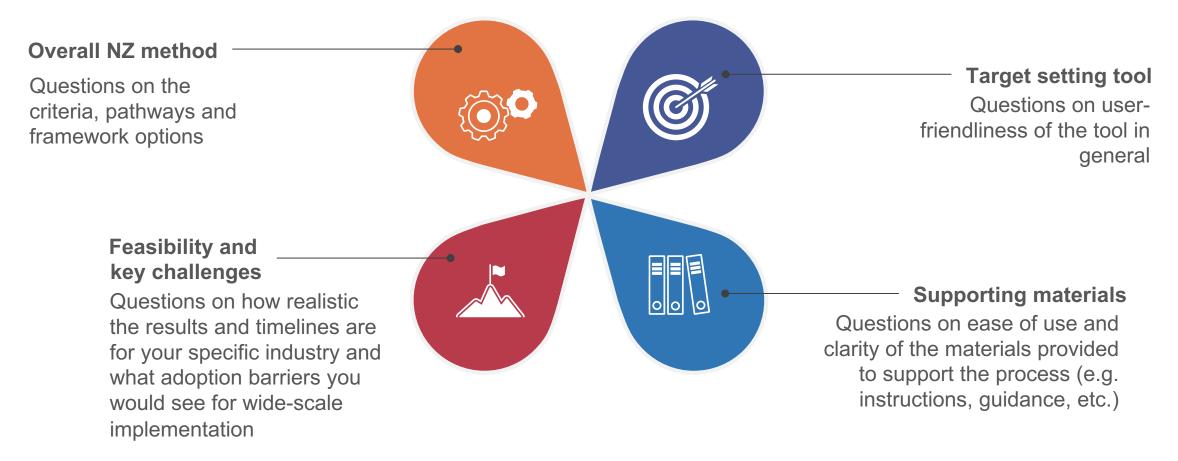
- Terminology and updates to current SBTi criteria
- Mitigation pathways in the Net-Zero Standard
- Setting near-term and longterm science-based targets
- Updating and communicating targets





### Survey gathers your structured input on four key dimensions and will open next week





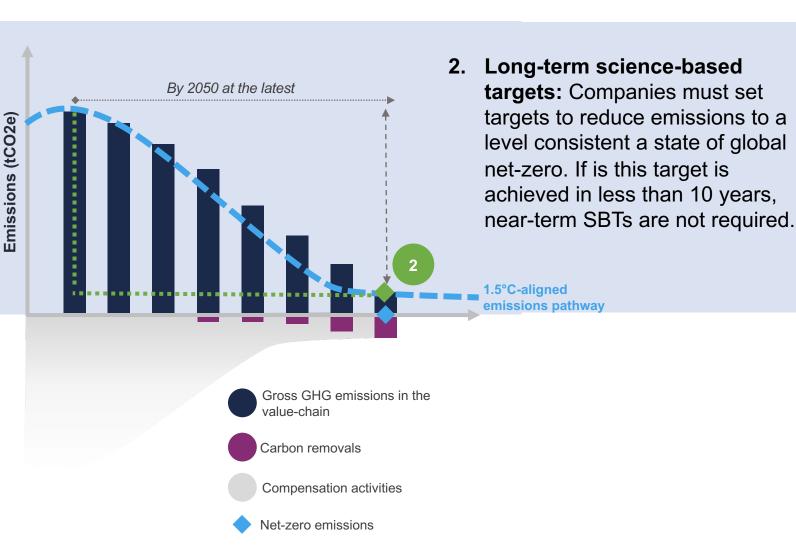


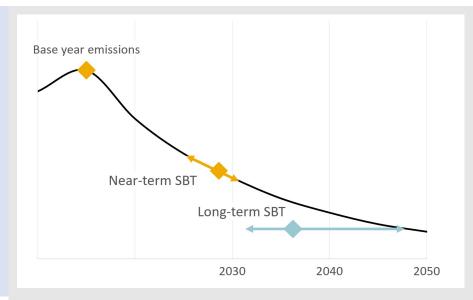


## THE NET-ZERO TOOL

### The SBTi has developed long-term science-based target setting methods to define what "residual emissions" are for corporates.







Near-term SBTs require a scale of emissions reduction that is company target year-dependent, while long-term science-based targets are company target year-independent.

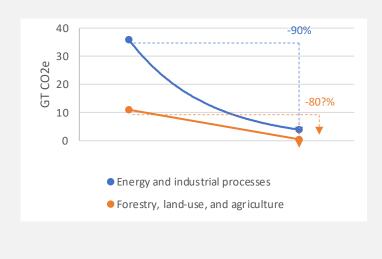


### We have developed two net-zero science-based target methods



#### Method 1. Absolute contraction

- "One-size-fits-all" method
- Separate absolute targets required for energy & industrial processes and forestry, land-use and agriculture (FLAG)



#### Method 2. Sector/activity-based

- Company-specific targets reflect different levels of residual emissions per activity
- Companies in heavy-emitting sectors may use the method to calculate intensity convergence targets (like SDA)
- Demand-side companies may use the method to calculate company-specific absolute targets based on sectoral absolute contraction



You will be able to test both methods to calculate your Net Zero emission reduction target and target year in the SBTi tool



### What data is required to model my targets?



### Data needed to calculate your Net-Zero target with the SBTi Tool



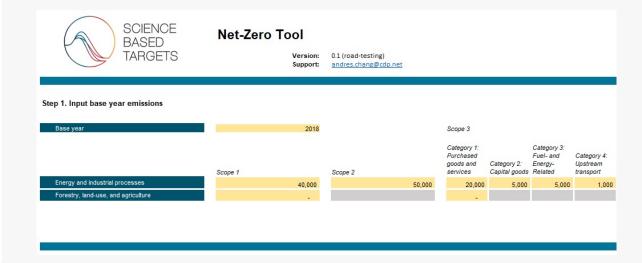
Your scope 1, 2 & 3 emission inventory

Broken down by activity/sector for pro tool



Your base year

### Base year emissions data input tab





### High-level overview of the basic tool

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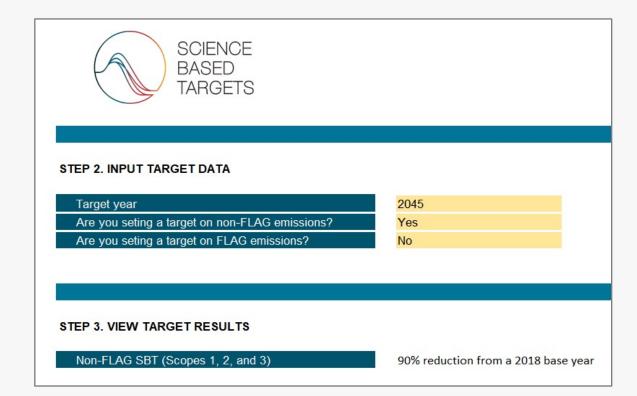
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Allows companies to set a single combined target each for non-FLAG emissions and FLAG emissions

### 3 steps to calculate long-term SBTs with absolute contraction method

- Select a target year
- Select whether you are setting a target on non-FLAG and/or FLAG emissions
- 3 View target results

### The tool





### High-level overview of the pro tool

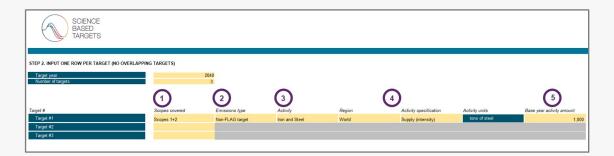
Allows companies to set multiple targets (including activityspecific targets) that cover all relevant emissions sources

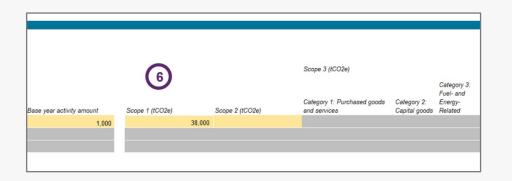
### For each target

- 1 Select the scopes covered
- Select whether target covers FLAG or non-FLAG emissions
- Select pathway universal, agricultural or activity-specific
- If using an activity-specific pathway, select whether your company is demand or supply side
- If relevant, enter base year activity data
- Input emissions per scope or scope 3 category



### The tool











## Do you have any questions?





### Thank you for listening!

For questions related to the road-testing process and the Net Zero Standard in general, please contact:

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The next workshop will take place next Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, where we will explore the NZ methods and documentation in more detail.



### Thank you!











